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In re: F. Venema

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For: **METHOD FOR LOWERING BOTH SEQUENCE VARIATIONS AND INCREASE OF  
BASE LINE EFFECTS IN A DIAGNOSTIC HYBRIDISATION ASSAY, ASSAY FOR  
PERFORMING SUCH A METHOD AND PROBE FOR USE IN THE ASSAY**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is responsive to the final Office Action mailed March 31, 2009 (hereinafter "the Action") regarding the above-referenced patent application. In addition, included herewith is a Request for Continued Examination and a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.